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**Hi Chad,**

Hope you are well!

Mike and I had a quick question about ecoregion 2. The reference site TN values turn out to be substantially higher than the other ecoregions (I attached a figure of TN values by ecoregion). I know this area is pretty urbanized.

Do you guys apply the same standards to designate reference sites there as you do in, say, the Cascades, or do you have to relax the standard a bit to have anything? Mike remembers your saying something about this a couple months ago, but we can't remember exactly what it was.

Thanks!

Diane